

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department - V&E Case - Disciplinary action initiated against Sri T. Vasudeva Reddy, Forest Range Officer(Retd) and other forest subordinates - Inquiry finalized and findings received - Imposition of penalty of 2% cut in Pension for a period of one (1) year besides recovery of Rs.30,739/- - Show-Cause-Notice issued - Explanation received - Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT
G.O.MS.No. 95
Dated: 27-11-2014
Read the following:

1. From the D.G., V&E Dept., Vigilance Report No.9, (142/V&E/NR2/2005), dt:17-1-2006.
2. Govt.Memo.No.795/For.IV/2006, dt:20-2-2006.
3. From the PCCF Ref.No.13979/2009/K5, dt:3-2-2012
4. Govt. Memo.No.795/For.IV/2006, dt:03-3-2012.
5. From the PCCF Ref.No.13979/2009/K1, dt:14-2-2013.
6. Govt.Memo.No.795/For.IV/A1/2006-3, dt:12-4-2013.
7. From the PCCF Ref.No.13979/2009/K1, dt:13-6-2013.
8. Govt. Memo No.795/For.IV/A1/2006, Dt: 05.05.2014.
9. From the Prl.CCF Lr.Rc.No.13979/2009/Vig-2, dt:17.09.2014.
10. Govt.Letter No.795/For.IV/A1/2006, Dated: 14-10-2014.
11. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 1174/RT/3/2014, dt.14.11.2014.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Vigilance and Enforcement Department has furnished a report on the irregularities committed by the forest subordinates in execution of Neeru Meeru works, Karvetinagar Range of Chittoor (East) Division, Tirupathi (WLM) Circle and recommended to initiate disciplinary action against the erring forest subordinate officers in addition to recovery of excess expenditure of Rs.1,07,105/-.

2. Accordingly, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad to whom the matter has been referred to, has informed that an Article of Charge has been issued to Sri T. Vasudeva Reddy, Forest Range Officer(Retd), Karvetinagar Range of Chittoor (East) Division, Tirupathi (WLM) Circle vide Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests in Ref.No.8253/2006/PXR3, dt.19-10-2006 on the following count:-

"That he, while working as Forest Range Officer, Karvetinagar Range of Chittoor (East) Division, had shown neglect of duty and lack of devotion to his work. The Vigilance & Enforcement Department Official during the field inspection of (14) percolation tanks found that the actual measurements of earth work and revetment work in respect of percolation tanks are found to be less than the recorded measurements shown in the M-Book. It was noticed in (1) plantation that deep ploughing (with MB plough) using tractor was not carried out and only cultivator ploughing was done. These irregularities resulted in excess expenditure of Rs.1,07,105/- and thereby caused a loss to the State Exchequer. Hence the Charge.

3. The Charged Officer has submitted his explanation on 10-01-2007. Not satisfying with the explanation of the Charged Officer, the Chief Conservator of Forests, WLM, Tirupathi and the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor (East) Division were appointed as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively to inquire into the charges framed against the charged officers.

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4. After conducting the inquiry, the Inquiry Officer has submitted his findings concluding that, the charge framed against Sri T. Vasudeva Reddy, Forest Range Officer (Retd) is held proved and liable to recover the excess expenditure. Findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer and the Charged Officer has submitted his further defense statement on 23-05-2009 in which he did not put forth any new points. The Prl. CCF has informed that an amount of Rs.30,739/- is liable to be recovered from the Charged Officer, Sri T. Vasudeva Reddy, F.R.O.

5. Sri T. Vasudeva Reddy, Forest Range Officer, has retired from Government service on attaining the age of superannuation. Hence the disciplinary proceedings are continued as per Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. After careful examination of the matter with reference to the records made available, Government observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officer are held proved and provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 2% cut in Pension for a period of one (1) year besides recovery of Rs.30,739/- from Sri T. Vasudeva Reddy, Forest Range Officer(Retd), Karvetinagar Range of Chittoor (East) Division, Tirupathi (WLM) Circle under Rule 9 of A.P.R.P. Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly, a Show Cause Notice was issued to the retired Charged Officer vide reference 8th read above and the Charged Officer has submitted his explanation to the Show Cause Notice through the reference 9th read above in which he accepted the provisional decision taken by the Government. The concurrence of Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has been obtained vide reference 11th read above.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose the penalty of 2% cut in Pension for a period of one (1) year besides recovery of Rs.30,739/- from Sri T. Vasudeva Reddy, Forest Range Officer(Retd), Karvetinagar Range of Chittoor (East) Division, Tirupathi (WLM) Circle under Rule 9 of A.P.R.P. Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P. SINGH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Secretary(FAC), A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad(with ref. to
Lr. No. 1174/RT/3/2014, Dt:14.11.2014)
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SECTION OFFICER